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Director, FBI (64-44828)

JOHN VINCENT MARTINO
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The press on 10/9/62 reported that subject, a resident of Miami Beach, Florida, had returned to the U. S. after spending 40 months at a Cuban prison. Subject was described as a partner in an electronics firm and had been in Havana on a one-day business trip when arrested.

Promptly interview Martino for any pertinent information he may have. Of particular interest would be the details of his confinement, including treatment received, identities of other Americans incarcerated and identities of pro-Castro Americans assisting the Castro regime in Cuba. Information concerning present situation within Cuba in the economic and military fields would also be of interest.

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NOTE:

The subject, a Miami businessman, was arrested in Cuba in July, 1959, by Cuban authorities and accused of having entered Cuba in a private plane without permission. Embassy representative in Havana at time advised subject actually entered from Miami by commercial plane and proceeded to private home to deliver personal message to friend. At this home subject met wife of Esteban Ventura, former Batista Police Official accused of heinous crimes during Batista regime. Subject also reportedly close friend of many former Batista officials and American gamblers and reportedly engaged in smuggling venture in Cuba with Rolando Masferrer, notorious Batista official. Subject reportedly approached U. S. Embassy source regarding source's acting as house physician for house of prostitution which subject planned to open in Cuba. Subject also reported as dope addict. [redacted] While subject has unsavory background it is felt, in view of his confinement in Cuban prison, that he probably has information of interest and we should take this opportunity to interview him.

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